

Headquarters, continental village, September 29. 1781.

Sir,

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I had the honor to write you in the morning.
I have since received intelligence that the fleet which
fell down to the Hook on Saturday last with the troops
which have for some time been embarked, took all the
heavy cannon from the grand batteries in New York.
It is said the troops have all their baggage on board.
Their destination is not yet known. The day before
yesterday a packet arrived at New York - it is said, as
many as three thousand people waited on the wharf
to hear the news, but could learn nothing. The officer
who landed from the packet looked much dejected.

I inclose your Excellency a New York paper
of the 15th by which you will learn there has been
a naval engagement off the Freshpeak; but M. Livingston's
account of it is lame, that we flatter ourselves, when
the truth is known, it was a victory on the side of
our allies. Every moment is big with interesting events.
You shall have them communicated as they come to my
knowledge. I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

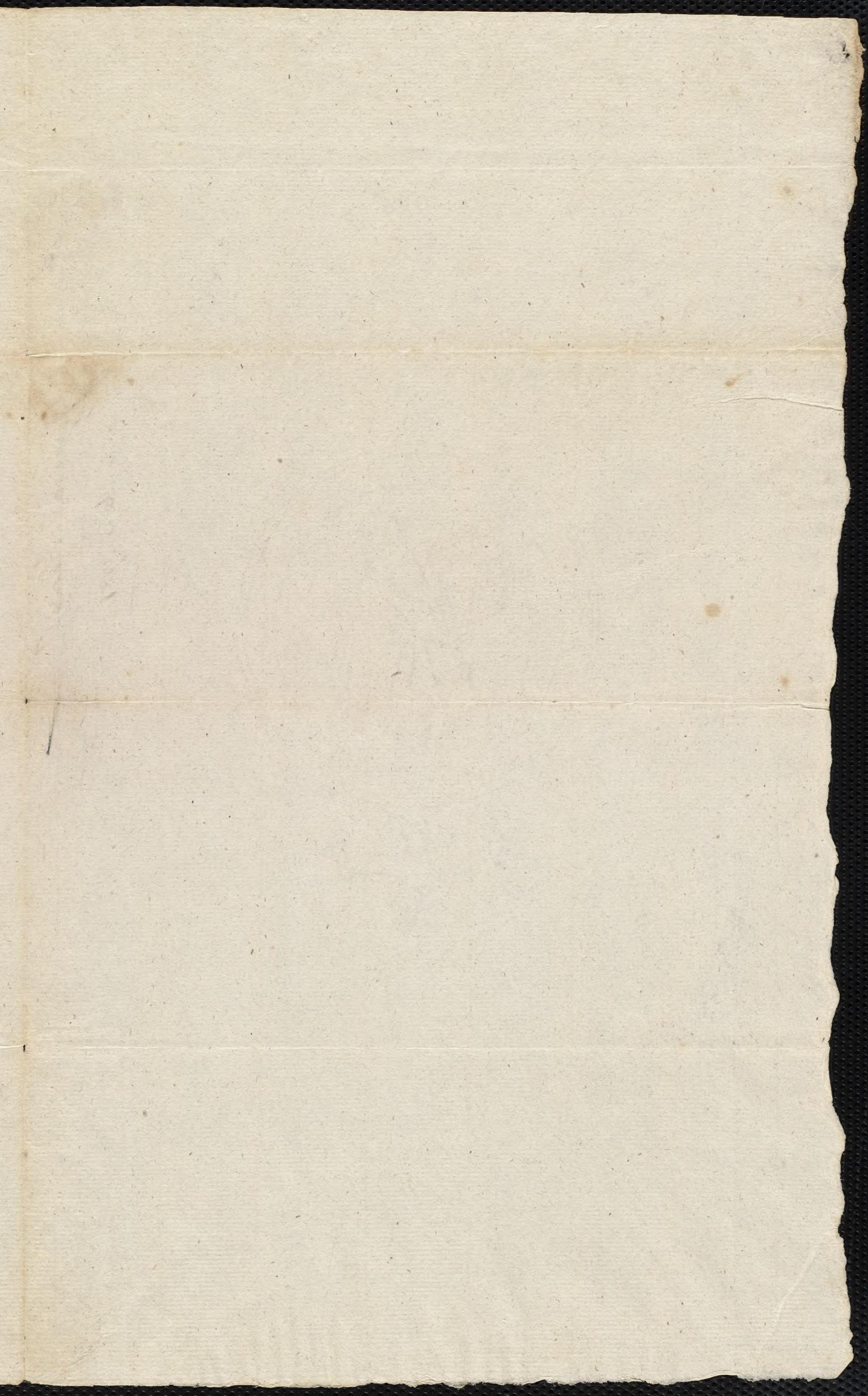
Your Excellency's

Most obedient servant,

His Excellency Governor Hancock.

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